



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Proposal by the State of California to Acquire Property in Santa Cruz County

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will hold a public hearing on its proposal to acquire 1,482± acres of land in Santa Cruz County known as San Lorenzo River Redwoods for addition to Castle Rock State Park. **The hearing will be held in the boardroom of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District Operations Building, 13057 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, on Thursday, April 11, 2002, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** Off-street parking is available, and the hearing room is accessible to people with disabilities.

**PURPOSE OF THE HEARING** is to record comments from local public officials and the general public about the proposal. DPR will then submit a summary of the comments to the State Legislature no later than 30 days prior to acquisition approval. The hearing is required by state law (Public Resources Code, Sec. 5006.1). Comments at the hearing will be limited to acquisition issues.

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** The land is adjacent to the south side of Castle Rock State Park in the San Lorenzo River watershed. It is steep, forested land with second- or third-growth redwoods, mixed conifers, and hardwoods. Except for some roads, trails, a power line and a cabin, it is undeveloped. Road access is via State Highway 9, which passes through the property near Waterman Gap. Sempervirens Fund, a non-profit land conservation organization, now owns all but about 100 acres of the land within this acquisition proposal. Until recently the San Lorenzo Valley Water District held 1,340 acres of this land.

**COMMENTS:** DPR staff will give a background presentation before opening the podium for comments. DPR will also accept written comments for the record if received by April 18, 2002. Please submit written comments at the hearing or send them to Warren Westrup, Chief, Office of Acquisition and Real Property Services, California Department of Parks and Recreation, 1 Capitol Mall, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814. E-mailed comments should be sent to Roger Willmarth at [rwillm@parks.ca.gov](mailto:rwillm@parks.ca.gov).

For information about the proposal, please call Roger Willmarth at (916) 445-9099, or check the DPR website at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov) under News and Announcements/News Releases 2002.

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